

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: §
Duggan, et al. §
Serial No.: 10/809,042 § Group Art Unit: 3725
Confirmation No.: 5804 §
Filed: March 25, 2004 § Examiner: Wolfe, Debra M.
For: TUBING EXPANSION § Customer No.: 36735

MAIL STOP AMENDMENT
Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED SEPTEMBER 13, 2006

In response to the Office Action dated September 13, 2006, having a shortened statutory period for response extended one month set to expire on January 13, 2007, please enter this response and reconsider the claims pending in the application for reasons discussed below. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge counsel's Deposit Account No. 20-0782/CRUI/0012/WBP, for any fees, including extension of time fees or excess claim fees, required to make this response timely and acceptable to the Office.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 15 of this paper.